

GoTriangle Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016
Board Room, The Plaza, 4600 Emperor Blvd., Suite 100
Durham, NC

Board Members Present:

Will Allen III	Ed Harrison (arr. 12:06 pm)
Mary-Ann Baldwin (arr. 12:16 pm)	Vivian Jones
William V. "Bill" Bell	Bernadette Pelissier
Jim Crawford Jr.	Ellen Reckhow
Fred Day IV	Jennifer Robinson (by telephone)
Fred Foster Jr.	Jeff Sheehan (arr. 12:50 pm)

Vice Chair Ellen Reckhow officially called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Allen the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Recognition

A. Recognition of Past Chair

Vice Chair Ellen Reckhow presented previous Board Chair William V. "Bill" Bell with a framed historical postcard of Union Station in Durham in recognition of his service as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2014-2016.

B. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager Mann announced the hiring of Stephan Lindsay, Procurement Administrator and Robin Swinging, Bus Operator.

C. Announcement of Promotions

None.

Harrison arrived.

III. Public Comment

No comments.

IV. Consent Agenda

Action: On motion by Pelissier and second by Bell the consent agenda was approved. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- September 28, 2016 – Regular Session Minutes; and
- October 5, 2016 – Work Session Minutes.

V. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

VI. New Business

A. Disposition of Real Property

Gary Tober presented a request to dispose of a ten-acre tract of land located in Morrisville to the Town of Morrisville. He stated the negotiations had been on-going for a couple years. The property was acquired in 2004 for a prior New Starts project but is no longer needed for GoTriangle's transit purposes. Tober said Morrisville requires the property for a road widening and road extension project. An appraisal in April valued the property at \$600,000; the original acquisition price was \$710,000 in 2004.

Action: Jones made a motion, which was seconded by Allen, to adopt the resolution approving the sale of the property.

Foster asked why there was such a drop in the value of the property. Tober responded that 67% of the property is now in the flood plain.

Allen asked if the proceeds could be used by GoTriangle for the D-O LRT. Tober stated that 55.7% of the original purchase price will be held in an escrow account for future use by GoTriangle.

Pelissier asked how the money fits into the financial model. Tober said it would be accounted as the Federal share.

Harrison asked how the 55.7% was determined. Tober replied it was the Federal contribution to the previous project.

Action: Upon vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2016 0006 *Resolution of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees to Dispose of a 10-Acre Tract of Land Owned by GoTriangle and Located in the Town of Morrisville (Wake County Parcel No. 0755132702) to the Town of Morrisville.* The motion was carried unanimously.

B. 2017 Medical/Dental/Ancillary Benefits Package

Janet Carter's presentation is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Baldwin arrived.

Carter presented a recommendation to continue with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) for employee health coverage, with an employee contribution towards the cost of \$20 per pay period. She stated that a plan design change reduced BCBS's initial increase of 35.8% to a 21.5% increase. Some of the changes include an increase in the deductible from \$500 to \$1,000 for employee only, and from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for family coverage and increases in co-pays. She stated that research indicates when employees contribute to their health coverage, they pause before scheduling unneeded medical visits; choose surgical units, retail clinics and doctor offices over hospitals; choose generic instead of brand name drugs and pay more attention to trying to stay healthy.

Day asked what percentage the \$520 per year employee contribution is of the total cost of coverage. Carter responded about 5%.

General Manager Mann stated that this is financially hard on employees and he is very concerned about that and the plan change was an effort to keep coverage as affordable as possible. He stated that United Healthcare offered a close proposal, but BCBS has a more extensive network. He stated that staff continues to look into programs to increase the overall wellness of the workforce.

Carter stated that Aetna and Cigna also were considered. She noted that pooling was looked into, but GoTriangle has higher claims, making us undesirable as a pooling partner.

Action: On motion by Allen and second by Pelissier the Board approved the 2017 medical/dental/ancillary benefits package as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Financial Consultants

Mindy Taylor presented a request to award a contract to Public Financial Management, authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract for financial consulting services. She stated the intent of this contract is to take GoTriangle through the financial process of obtaining a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the D-O LRT project. The contract is for three years with two, one-year options to extend. Taylor added that funds have been budgeted for the current fiscal year and subsequent years would need to be funded in annual budgets.

Reckhow asked if there is a provision for severing the contract before the three years are up. General Counsel Blake responded yes, and termination is allowed for convenience for any reason.

Allen asked if there are any penalties associated with termination. Blake said no.

Action: On motion by Jones and second by Baldwin the Board adopted Resolution 2016 0007 *Resolution of the GoTriangle Board of Trustees* awarding contract to Public Financial Management (PFM) for financial consulting services with a maximum of \$1,386,000 and authorizing the General Manager to execute the contract consistent with those terms. The motion was carried unanimously.

D. 2017 Meeting Calendar

Action: On motion by Baldwin and second by Allen the Board adopted the 2017 meeting calendar as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager Jeff Mann distributed his General Manager report, which is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Sheehan arrived.

1. Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Program Update

Danny Rogers stated that staff is working to get an extension to the D-O LRT project to NCCU and the neighborhoods around the Alston/Lawson intersection, which involves a supplemental environmental assessment, public involvement and reaching out to stakeholders. He said that amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) are required, with the process already begun. Rogers reported that both the Durham City Council and the Durham County Board of County Commissioners gave unanimous recommendations and the MPO is schedule to hold a public hearing in November and approve the amendment in December.

3. Communications Update

No report.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Shelley Blake informed Board members of a Statute from 2015 giving public authorities the ability to establish, control and operate a non-profit corporation. She said this would allow GoTriangle to accept donations or dedications of land with a tax benefit. She said staff is reviewing the Statute and will come back to the Board with more information.

C. Chair's Report

No report.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO Executive Board Representative

Will Allen reported that the CAMPO Executive Board received an update on the SPOT 4.0 Division Needs Points Assignment and several items related to the Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC): a meeting schedule, deadlines for work products and identification of lead agencies to carry out TPAC responsibilities.

2. DCHC MPO Board Representative

Bernadette Pelissier reported that the MPO had good discussion about a Durham Center City Station related to required environmental work. Danny Rogers clarified that environmental clearances are required, but not before entering engineering, although clearances are required for the NCCU station before the engineering phase. Pelissier requested that the Q&A distributed to the MPO Board members related to the city center station be shared with GoTriangle Board members. She added that the MPO also approved an amendment to the MTP and LPA to extend the corridor for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Chapel Hill further south from the UNC campus to Southern Village. She said this would allow Chapel Hill to do a Small Starts application.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

Will Allen reported that several updates were given at a recent Tri-MAP meeting: STI prioritization, NCDOT winter operations, I-540 on-ramp signals to be piloted in our area, the RDUAA master plan, the Wake Transit referendum and the Multimodal 54 Initiative. Patrick McDonough explained that this initiative of the Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, RTA and GoTriangle is looking at opportunities to enhance the performance of NC 54 between Chapel Hill and I-40.

4. Rail~Volution Conference Reports

Fred Foster, Ed Harrison, Will Allen and Ellen Reckhow shared reflections from the recent Rail~Volution Conference. Their written reports are attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.


VIII. Adjournment

Action: Vice Chair Reckhow adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.



Jennifer Robinson, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the Board